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06/13/2005 08:44 PM

To:

<Angela Reynolds@LongBeach.gov>

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Fw: HD

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From: "Cynthia Skoll" <cskoll@dusd.net>

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2005 3:57 PM

Subject: HD

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

As a homeowner near the proposed Home Depot site, I would like to strongly express my opposition to the project.

I believe that our neighborhood and the surrounding area will be negitavely impacted due to the increased traffic from the project. It is amazng to me that the traffic study began during the time of least street use in our neighborhood, now that CSULB and (in four days) Kettering have released their students for the summer break. Our increase of traffic and parking problems due to those two facilities alone has been well documented, a large development such as is proposed will most definately send more cars through our tract. In addition to discounting the impact the schools have on the area, the new proposed development on Second Street and PCH has not been taken into account. Is someone not willing to look at what the true picture will be?? We bought our home here because it was a little "sleepy". Idon't want that to change!!

I see in the EIR study that there will be increased adverse effect to our environmental quality if this project goes through. My family has suffered with asthma and severe allergies already. We do not need more pollution of any kind!

Because of the small sewage pipes and the difficulty that we have all had with them, expecting the current situation to adequately and safely handle another large user is rediculous.

The current light plant already makes enough noise, especially when they let off steam periodically. We don't need more traffic, construction related vehicles, or the other related machinery and people to add to the decibellevel.

Please reconsider this proposed project. A storage facility, or small professional complex would also generate tax revenue but wouldn't generate such ill will among the residents you represent and are supposed to protect from unwanted businesses.

Thank you,

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To: Angela_Reynolds@LongBeach.gov

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cc: m.stuhlbarg@siscoproducts.com, matthew.jenkins@sdd-inc.com, leslie_gentile@fernalddesign.com, seegee@charter.net, msrouse@charter.net, nicholas.sramek@aero.org, srcbwinn@aol.com Subject: Opposition to Home Depot at Loynes Drive

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

As a homeowner in University Park Estates, I would like to express my strong opposition to the project.

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At the very least, our neighborhood and the surrounding area will be negatively impacted due to the increased traffic from the project. At the worst, residential crime may increase due to the frequent undocumented aliens that frequent Home Depot and Lowes parking looking for work. It strikes me as more than a little odd that the traffic study began just before the time of lower street use in our neighborhood, now that CSULB and (in two days) Kettering have released their students for the summer break.

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The traffic and parking problems due to Kettering and CSILB alone has been well documented. A development of the proposed magnitude will most definitely send more cars through our tract. Basically, people hate traffic and customers going to Home Depot will most certainly cut through our neighborhood either leaving or going to that facility.

In addition to discounting the impact the schools have on the area, the EIR never took into account the proposed residential development at Second Street and PCH. It appears as though the city is not looking at what the true picture will be in exchange for additional retail tax revenue.

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My sense is that the additional tax revenue generated by the proposed project may be more than partially offset by increased public service costs for police, fire and sewer services related to the site and the ancillary issues that come with a development of this size.

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We bought our home in University Park Estates because it was a quiet neighborhood. My family and I don't want that to change!!

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I also note in the EIR study that there will be increased adverse environmental effects if this project goes through:

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> My family has suffered with asthma and severe allergies already. We do not need more pollution of created by increased traffic to the proposed retail center.

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> Because of the size of the sewage pipes in our neighborhood and the difficulty that we have all had with them, expecting them to adequately and safely handle the proposed retail site, especially restaurants/fast food establishments, is ridiculous.

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The current light plant already makes enough noise, especially when they let off steam periodically. We don't need more traffic, construction related vehicles, or the other related machinery and people to add to the noise pollution.

Please reconsider this proposed project. A self-storage facility, or 2 story concrete tilt-up office complex would also generate tax revenue but wouldn't generate such ill will among the residents you represent and are supposed to protect from unwanted businesses.

Thank you,

Perry Skoll 401 Peralta Ave. Long Beach 431-5115

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Joe Sopo" <homes@joesopo.com> 06/11/2005 11:53 AM

To: "Umar M. & Catherine H. Siddiqi" <angela reynolds@longbeach.gov>

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Subject: Comments for Home Depot Scoping

Angela,

1) Before any construction begins the on and off ramps for the 22 Freeway at Studebaker Rd. needs to be enlarged/rebuilt to accommodate increased traffic.

2) The Home Depot project and the Marina Hotel project at 2nd St and Pacific Coast Hwy. should both be included in same EIR. Both projects together will adversely affect the environment!

Joe Sopo

Sharon J Soza <Sharon.J.Soza@aero.org>

To: Angela_Reynolds@longbeach.gov

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06/15/2005 12:02 PM

Proposed Home Depot (Long Beach)

Comment

Ms. Reynolds,

To me, the proposed Home Depot site at Studebaker and Loynes Drive, looks like a done deal, and this so-called comment period is just to satiate the masses. Nothing will come of it, and certainly no contingent plans to alter or abort this proposal/project. My major concern is even if the powers that be think they will be able to handle this traffic nightmare about to take place once this project moves forward, it will never be enough. Right now, the only reason that PCH isn't completely and utterly bottlenecked constantly is because we presently have an alternative route into that area, and that is Studebaker, and it is easily accessed from the 405 Southbound freeway. Not only are the proponents virtually eliminating the last bastion of visibly uninhabited [parcel of] land, with which to gaze as one drives along [Studebaker Road], they want to actually add to the already congested route(s) into the PCH/2nd Street intersection by placing an abomination of architecture (or lack thereof) and attracting shoppers into an area that should be reserved for residential zoning. There is nothing to alter in that area that would improve traffic flow, and alleviate the impending gridlock that I foresee, short of building a double-decker roadway or possibly a monorail. This is ridiculous. Just so some fat cat bureaucrat can line his pockets with God only knows how much in kick-backs to push this "proposed" Home Depot Center through, while the rest of us will suffer the consequences. Home Depot's greed in not having cornered the last market in an area where the The Marketplace has been striving to maintain higher standards and quality for people to shop in their much pricier stores and shoppes, is only surpassed by its ignorance of how it will impact the people that live nearby the proposed site, the traffic explosion, and other unknown elements that will affect this area of Long Beach. So, go ahead, you'll find out the hard way, because no one really listens to the people.

Sharon J. Soza Long Beach area resident ı

RalphSpicer@aol.com 06/05/2005 02:35 PM

To:

Angela_Reynolds@Long Beach.gov

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Subject:

Home Depot Development

June 5, 2005

350 Peralta Ave. Long Beach, CA 90803

City of Long Beach Planning Commission c/o Angela Reynolds Environmental Planning Officer City of Long Beach

Dear Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Home Depot development near Studebaker Drive. I have been a resident of Long Beach since 1972. I have been living in my home near Loynes Drive and Studebaker for almost fifteen years. I vote in every election.

Traffic on neighboring streets is brutal during rush hour and on weekends. During morning and evening rush hours, surrounding streets, including 7th St, Westminster/2nd Street and Pacific Coast Highway are crowded with stop and go traffic. Drivers are using these streets for freeway access, to shop or dine locally, or for Cal State Long Beach. Loynes Drive is a hazardous street and there are frequent accidents caused by cars speeding along this bumpy road. The streets are currently overloaded and adding a Home Depot would only increase the congestion. In addition, there is a proposed Seaport Marine Project at 2nd and Pacific Coast Highway that includes 425 residential units and shopping outlets. This will only aggravate the current traffic problems.

I am concerned that a Home Depot on Studebaker would encourage day laborers to travel through our neighborhood or to live in or spend time in Channel Park that parallels Studebaker Road. Our neighborhood is currently very safe and peaceful. I do not want that to change.

I am concerned about environmental impact. I treasure the near-by wetlands and hope that they can be restored and increased. I frequently walk along Cerritos Channel that parallels Studebaker Drive. I see a great variety of birds including herons and kingfishers. I see fish jumping and shorebirds eating the worms that live in the mud. The increased air pollution created by the Home Depot development, the added work load on the at-capacity sewer lines and the unknown toxic materials that might be released by excavation of site imperil the nearby wetlands and water channels.

Deny the Home Depot development. Protect the quality of life in our neighborhoods and the sensitive wetlands. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beverly F. Spicer

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Angela Reynolds
Environmental Planning Officer
333 W. Ocean Blvd 7th
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: LOCAL CITIZENS AGAINST HOME DEPOT

BUILDING A NEW STORE ON STUDEBAKER, AT THE END OF LOYNES AVE.

1. Traffic: Loynes Ave. is already overloaded with local traffic. Home Depot would add a lot of transient traffic which would limit access to our homes and create congestion on a street which is already dangerous.

2. Proximity: There is presently a HD on Westminster Ave. about 10 Mins. From this location. There is also a Lowes on Carson Ave. also about 10 min. from here

THERE IS NO REASON TO BUILD ANOTHER HD. IN THIS AREA

Concerned Citizens, Robert c. Stafford and Jeanne d. Stafford

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6264 Seabreeze Dr. Belmont Shores Mobile Estates

Long Beach Ca,90803

Cc: Charles Greenberg

Chairperson: Leslie Gentile, Matthew Jenkins, Mitch Rouse, Nick Sramek, Morton

Stuhlbarg and Charles Winn

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Christopher Stiles cl.stiles@verizon.net

To: Angela_Reynolds@LongBeach.gov

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06/15/2005 05:11 PM

Proposed Home Depot Project on

Subject: Studebaker Road

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

We are deeply disturbed by the proposed Home Depot Project on Studebaker Road for a number of reasons:

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(1) The presence of Home Depot in this area will add to the already congested traffic conditions in and around our neighborhood, and will increase the number of fatal accidents on Loynes Drive. In addition, it will pose a danger to people who use the walk/bike path between Loynes and the nearby golf course.

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(2) The presence of this development will further diminish our neighborhood's air quality; since it is a given that traffic in the area will be greatly increased.

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(3) Shoppers, contractors, and itinerant workers will use our neighborhood as a "short cut" to avoid heavy traffic on Loynes, Studebaker and 7th.

(4) The City has not factored in the additional impacts that the Seaport Marina project will have on this area.

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(5) The toxins measured in the soil and the planned fugitive dust mitigation outlined in the EIR seems especially alarming to those of us who have young children in the area; we will have no choice but to breathe this air during construction.

(6) The sewage plan outlined in the EIR is also inadequate. Odor control devices do not work as proven by L.A.'s Hyperion Water Treatment Plant. It defies common sense to plan to tie in to a fifty-year-old, 8" pipe that is already serving to maximum capacity.

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(7) We are in agreement with our neighbors, who also believe that this project is not in line with the City's 2010 Strategic Plan. Our City officials continue to rely on retail as a short-term financial fix, but low wage jobs for Long Beach residents do not bring the long-term benefits of attracting middle-and high-income jobs to its communities. It is our elected officials' and City's responsibility to balance opportunity with issues that affect the quality of life for Long Beach residents.

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This project so adversely affects living in this area, it must not be approved.

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We strongly oppose this project!

Christopher and Lynn Stiles 330 Linares Ave. Long Beach CA 90803 June 13, 2005

Angela Reynolds
Environmental Officer
City of Long Beach
Department of Planning and Building
333 W Ocean Boulevard, 7th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Study For Home Depot

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

On behalf on the signatories to the attached response to your requested comments for the above referenced Drast EIR, I respectfully request that all applicable rights of appeal for this development be reserved. You may send all and any such information to me at Mary Suttiescoverizon net.

Sincerely,

Mary Suttie

Mary.Suttie@verizon.net

"Michelle Sztraicher" < mwsztraicher@earthlink.net> 06/12/2005 10:34 PM Please respond to mwsztraicher

To: angela reynolds@longbeach.gov

cc:

Subject: Home Depot

I'm very concern regarding the proposals of a Home Depot Warehouse so close to an Elementary School. - Kettering Elementary. See below some of the issues that concern me specially where our kids will be in danger, for example, pollution, traffic and the most important that will attract transients that will use the park behind our homes to sleep and for other human necessities.

The proposed Seaport Marina project at 2nd Street and PCH with 425 residential units PLUS retail was | 2 omitted from the traffic study. Further, the EIR claims that our neighborhood will not be impacted by cut-through traffic The traffic study for University Park Estates has only begun, the 2nd week of June; this is months after the completion of the DEIR! This is when the university and Kettering Elementary 5th grade is out for summer break! The traffic study is being conducted at the ebb of our traffic season. Motorist trying to go south on Studebaker Road from 7th Street (22 Frwy) and are tired of waiting will and do use Silvera Avenue (Kettering Elementary) as an alternate route. This will also impact Bixby Village Drive. The EIR states that there will be increased week-end traffic (not including the Seaport Marina project) and HD claims it's appealing to the "home improvement weekend warrior." This increased traffic on the week-ends is when the children are out playing and we're enjoying our neighborhood.

Home Depot will be opening either at 5 a.m. or 6 a.m., yet HD claims this store will not attract contractors. Not only will it attract contractors but it will also attract itinerant workers. <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

2. The EIR states that there will be no impact on plants and animals, and, that Los Cerritos Channel does not appear to support any wetland. This is totally negligent, misleading and ignorant. It feeds the wetlands and bay, read the next item #6. And, the project requires a local coastal development permit, Coastal Commission hearing, etc.

Michelle Sztraicher mwsztraicher@earthlink.net EarthLink Revolves Around You.

susan taylor <thirdtwin@earthlink.net>
06/12/2005 12:50 PM

To: anreyno@longbeach.gov

cc: "Denison, Ann" < lannd4animals@charter.net>

Subject: EIR for Home Depot

The EIR leaves out or whitewashes several problems that concern me.

1. The roads that will be used are built on landfill. They are unstable, have always been unstable and shift constantly. With an increase of traffic they will get worse and with the increase of trucks carrying heavy loads we will very quickly have rutted roads. There is nothing mentioned about mitigating damage-severe damage at best-to those roads. Studebaker is like a rollercoaster now and Loynes is about 10 feet higher on one side than it used to be. This will be city responsiblity and all those dollars coming in will be flying out and taking more with them.

2.Because there are no houses being built the EIR says that the school is not impacted. How is significant adverse impacts on air quality, increased traffic and so on not going to affect a school across the street? Those kids will be eating all that pollution.

3. Nowhere did I see the impact a terrorist with easy access to two power plants would have. Two power plants could be blown up in less than a minute. Has "Homeland Security" been told about this one?

4.Increased traffic, lighting 24 hours a day, emmissions nonstop from buildings and vehicles and inadequate was removal capacity-as demonstrated last weekend by the spill into the channel- will affect all living things in the area- wildlife, plant life and human life.

5. The fact than none of this things can be "mitigated" after the fact and will be an ongoing problem must be taken into account. The income generated will be quickly swallowed up by all the problems that it causes.

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TeaBunny10@aol.com

To: Angela_Reynolds@longbeach.gov

06/14/2005 08:41 PM

cc: District3@longbeach.gov

Subject: Proposed Home Depot Development on Studebaker Road

and Loynes Drive

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Home Depot Development on Studebaker Road and Loynes Drive. I recently located to the Belmont Shores Mobile Estates and have witnessed numerous car accidents on Loynes Drive due to excessive speed. Loynes Drive is a very dangerous road due to the dips and curves. We recently had a fatality on the road where the truck broke the median and flipped onto the other side of the road. The residents in the Mobile Home park state that these accidents are a regular occurrence. I can't imagine increasing traffic on this already dangerous road. My family and I made a decision not to even drive the road because no one obeys the speed limit. If I drive 35 miles per hour as posted, other motorists become angry and speed pass me. It is a very poor decision to build a shopping center in an area with such a road as one of the main arteries.

I also am very concerned about the environmental impact to the wetlands. I can't imagine that the city of Long Beach is not concerned with protecting the wildlife in the area. The wetlands and the harbor are what makes this area so attractive...why not try to protect it? Those of us in the area are not stupid, of course, any development such as a shopping complex will impact the environment and wildlife. We live in an ecosystem. That means everything impacts one another within the system. The Home Depot development will impact the environment. I am especially nervous that there is a toxic dump site under this area that could be disturbed. Many of the residents in this park are thinking of moving because of this proposed development. We know our life quality is going to be impacted negatively. We also know that the wildlife is going to suffer.

No one wants this development. The people need to be heard. You are in public service to do the will of the people not the will of big business. I also work in public social services and my job is to serve the community not the interests of the few.

Please do not let this project go forward.

Sincerely, Roberta Thomas 6268 Beachcomber Dr. Long Beach, CA 90803

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cc: Charles Greenburg
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<ShirleyThomas@Telemobile.com> 05/27/2005 02:09 PM

To: <Angela_Reynolds@longbeach.gov>

cc: <stephanie@govsol.com>

Subject: Home Depot Cerritos Wetlands Meeting

Thank you for your very informative presentation to our group on Wednesday, May 11.

As a resident living very near the intersection of 7th and PCH I personally don't anticipate any additional traffic problems for the Alamitos Heights residents that are not already compounded by the increasing traffic on PCH for commuters traveling from Seal Beach and further south through our area.

The synchronization of the various stop lights in that intersection including Bellflower would be most helpful and has come up many times in the AHIA so I feel that would be a considerable mitigating factor.

Also as a Home Depot active customer the fact that there would be an upscale Home Depot on Loynes and Studebaker would be a very strong plus for the area.

The improvement in trails walking space and bikepaths in the area in which you described would certainly benefit the area, however you did not go into details on Loynes as having parking area and bike paths along Loynes between Studebaker and PCH or at least to Bixby Village Drive from Studebaker.

There is a path along the golf course but it terminates into University Park Estates and does not go up to the Loynes since that area is blocked by a barricade. Having a sidewalk that cuts straight thru from the area along the golf course to the bridge that goes across to Studebaker would be a considerable improvement and a bike trail along that same area would be a definite plus.

I'd appreciate your comments on how that is planned.

There is a nice path and bike trail along the Channel View Park that parallels University Park Estates, but the walking bike path as well as the street of Loynes needs considerable improvement so that it could blend in properly with the fine landscaping you are planning on Studebaker itself.

I look forward to reading about your final plans for this routing into the area where the improvements brought by Home Depot construction would provide an improvement benefit for all residents of the area.

Very truly,

William I. Thomas 620 Winslow Ave Long Beach, CA 90814 310 544-0866 (cell) wt@telemobile.com 1

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To: angela reynolds@longbeach.gov

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home depot project

I strongly oppose the Home Depot Project. Traffic is already terrible through the area and the proposed Project will only make it worse. Air Quality is alsobad. In reading through the draft EIR, I noticed the following things:

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The Long-term Microscale (CO Hot Spot) Analysis in Appendix J states that the North Long Beach station "showed the highest recorded one hour concentration of 9.7 ppm and a highest eight hour concentration of 5.7 ppm during the last three years (see Table D)." Table D shows the highest one hour concentration (for the past three years, 2004-2002) to be 5.8 ppm and the highest eight hour concentration to be 4.7 ppm. Please clarify.

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The last bullet point in that same section states that the "highest level of the second highest 1-hour and 8-hour CO concentrations monitored in the North Long Beach station in the past three years were used as background concentrations; 5.9 ppm for the one hour CO and 4.6 ppm for the eight hour CO." Table D shows that the second highest 1-hour is 5.5 ppm (not 5.9). Please remodel and analyze accordingly.

Items in Chapter 11, References are difficult to correlate to the text. For instance, Mission Geoscience lists two references: 2004 Engineering Geologic and Geohazards Assessment Report, and 2004 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. If you are citing Mission Geoscience 2004, which one are you referring to? Shouldn't it read 2004a and 2004b, respectively.

Again in Chapter 11, general websites are given as references for very specific information (i.e. www.wrcc.dri.edu and www.epa.gov). Though the information is probably contained somewhere on the website, it is impossible to locate using the reference. For example, the reference provided for the U.S. EPA, air quality data 1999-2003 should not be for the general site, but for the actual location where the information was obtained.

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Thank you for addressing these issues. Please mail me complete copies of anything distributed in the future to the following address:.

John Toohig P.O. Box 2161 Seal Beach, CA 90740

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To:

angela reynolds@longbeach.gov

06/15/2005 02:47 PM

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Subject: Public Comment Home Depot Site

Angela Reynolds Environmental Planning Officer City of Long Beach 333 W. Ocean Blvd. 7th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Sirs/Madam:

Re: Response EIR Site Plan Review, Home Depot

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Site Plan Review/EIR prepared for the Home Depot Site in east Long Beach. This project is not only less than a 1000 feet from my home of over 31 years, it is located in an area I have spent many years developing a land-use plan for, the Local Coastal Planning Committee (LCP)(Chairperson of the land-use committee), I had a working familiarity with SEADIP and was a member of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Project, as well as a Commissioner on the Local Coastal Commission. As you can see I approach the following issues with some knowledge and experience on land-use planning and a great background on the incorporation of citizen input on some very contentious issues.

As an active member of these Committees I will attest to our failure to look really long term when we land-use planned the Home Depot site that is today under consideration. We took many years, with active business/citizen participation to plan the Coastal Zone. At no time was there consideration of changing the Edison site from light industrial to anything other than what it was at the time. This is not an issue of should we plan for this site, but one where it was never even suggested by the Staff that we look at this site. Since the planning of the coastal zone was meant to assure access for all, a continuity in character and an intermix of residential that was complementary to commercial and environmental issues, it is difficult to understand why we are now considering a project that will severely impact the plans we had for this area.

In law school we learn that in order to ascertain damage, we take the victim as they come, blemishes and all.....here it would appear that we are told that if we have a area that has good air, then adding pollutants which don't raise to the level of significant adverse impact, then undoubtedly there will be no significant impact. So in order to ascertain an impact, it can be and is asserted that given how "really bad the air can be" we have "No problems" when pollutants are added to air. Long Beach is truly blessed to have clean air and we should not allow that clean air to be tainted just because the business community thinks it should be to help our tax base.

Some General Statements about select area impacts.

1. Light & Glare

The proposed site will have nighttime operations.

While this is only included as a significant impact during construction, this will be a daily occurrence in the area and will significantly impact not only residents in the surrounding areas on a daily basis, it will effect wildlife in the neighboring wetlands and it will put trucks, etc on our streets, 24 hours a day. We are a residential community, not a light industrial community. When we land use planned this area we assumed that it would stay as it was because Edison was not likely to leave real soon. Edison who committed to putting scrubbers on their stacks so they would not emit so much pollutants such as oil, etc on the surrounding area are now selling off their land

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and we think they have an obligation to the community they have polluted for many years to maintain the character of the neighborhood. This area should be rezoned residential or light commercial so that we will not be impacted any further than we currently are.

2. Operational Emissions for Pollutants

There is an increase, but not enough to exceed Federal/State guidelines—which means it must be as bad as it gets to be significant. 11 intersections are measured: for idling emissions. Have you been at the corner of Studebaker & 7th Street, any morning before 8 or tried to enter 7th street from Silvera going east at peak traffic times? The merest suggestion that we are not significantly impacted by auto emissions from standing idling cars is as if we do not live in the same are hard to digest. Have you ever sat in traffic with engines idling while you try to turn a right off of Silvera because you have just deposited your child at school whether it is 8-10 in the am or 3-7 in the pm. Why have you not measured these pollutants on 7th Street where the impact of traffic is quite acute. Do we sacrifice our clean air for the inclusion of a Home Depot in our city?

Assumption is based on fact that most construction traffic will arrive off of SR22 & leave via Studebaker to SR22—that presupposes that all the drivers know where they are going and how they will get to Home Depot. Anyone familiar with the area knows that more than a few drivers have arrived at 7th & Margo (off SR22), without a clue as to where they are. They then proceed, without fail to enter the neighborhood or try to make a u-turn to get back. Have you ever had the good fortune to watch trucks try to make a u-turn? It cannot be done within the time frame of one green light and is rather humorous, though very dangerous to watch.

Ambient Noise generation is also a concern for most of us in the area. While I recognize that a 5 site/10 minute noise monitoring test was applied, I believe that such monitoring is not reflective of the kinds of noises this area experiences on a continuous basis.

- 1. To note that the area has aircraft noise is an understatement for the kinds of noise actually experienced on the ground as not only the permitted commercial flights approach (and dependent on the winds take off from) Long Beach airport, you have flights that include non-passenger flights, training, UPS, etc. which also land. Lest we not forget the Boeing airplanes, including the new one the Jumbo 777 (?) which can block out the sun and has a footprint of "Yehti" for those of us underneath the flight pattern. This morning within the space of 2 hours (during school) two of those jets came in for a landing.
- 2. In addition, you have the pressurized release of steam from the Edison Plant which has occurred at all times days and night, which frightens both young and old in the area—particularly the children.
- 3. Given the highly sensitive nature of our area, residential predominantly, schools which require a modicum of quiet including Kettering and Hill Middle School, a migratory flyway for birds, all of these will be impacted by the addition of an active "Home Depot".
- 4. Given the nature of the area, increasing ambient noises, particularly at night would be detrimental to residents and would be detriment to the environment as well.

Traffic Impacts

I regret that I had but a short time to review what I consider the most egregious of the impacts that will affect our area-- and that is traffic congestion. We are impacted on a daily basis by cars and whether that impact is re: waiting time at signals—or waiting time once you enter a street—the area you are reviewing is severely impacted by traffic now. We, as an area are rather land locked. There are approximately 3 sites whereby we get access or egress into or out of our tract. On one of those sites, we are only allowed to go one-way and that is eastbound on 7th street off of Silvera. You cannot measure our standing time at this corner because not only is it without a light, but the traffic that flows from PCH and 7th is not only significant as to # of cars, the cars that do get there already believe they are on the freeway and travel at a high rate of speed. That means that just getting out some days can be an ordeal. Additionally this does not take into consideration that our school is a collector for students that arrive by car, bus(many of our students are from other areas of the city or trucks. They are students and their parents who go to Kettering, they are students who take the bus

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and attend, or students who use our area to park when they go to college or those college students that assist our teachers at Kettering, in addition to those of us who live here. Traffic is a tremendous burden for all of us.

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While I would not presume to tell you that we should be the only area that is not impacted by cars, I am asking why this residential area, bounded by freeways and major arterials should be further impacted by light industrial that generates more traffic.

Egress on Loynes is already difficult given you have east bound traffic which traverses a very difficult and unwieldy road. This street is notoriously handy for those that want to beat crosstown traffic and use a street other than7th street. We mitigated a prior problem of traffic intruding on residential areas by closing 3rd(?) /Elliot(?) to through traffic and adding a wall along PCH to force traffic onto 7th street. Now you are suggesting that we improve Loynes, which of course would increase traffic in our area, encouraging back off of crowded 7th and onto our streets.

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Additionally, you have failed to take into consideration the impact that the Bixby Wetlands Site will add. This land use project includes planned development of homes/along the wetlands site. Hundreds of residential units were originally allowed under the plan. Your draft EIR only takes into consideration {120 Studebaker,(?) what is that and the Boeing Project}—are you really serious about this? What about opening Studebaker Road to PCH, which was part of SEADIP. What about the use of the property south of 2nd Street, Both on the east and west sides of Studebaker and east of PCH—this has been the subject of many high-use commercial projects over the years. This EIR should also include the additional traffic that will be generated by increased the redevelopment of the Seaport Marina project.

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Gasp, I am out of time and cannot continue, but as you can see there are many issues that will need to be addressed before the City can continue to develop this area and specifically the Home Depot Site. I would hope, just as you have under SEADIP and the LCP and most recently for Redevelopment Agency Plan, you use citizen input to make development decisions. I would be glad to participate or assist in any way I might be useful.

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Cordially,

Patricia J. Towner 6239 E. 6th Street Long Beach, CA 90803

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Ms. Angela Reynolds. City of Long Beach. 333 W Ocean Blvd; 7th Flour. Long Beach, CA 90802.

Ms. Reynolds,

I am writing to submit my opposition to the Home Depot project planned for the intersection of Studebaker & Loynes.

I have read the Presentation presented on May 19th to the Planning Commission.

My objection is based on the impact of <u>Traffic</u> in the area; and I believe the Study does not encompass all espects.

- I reside at Santiago & Colorado and there is no doubt in my mind that this project will result in a dramatic increase in traffic on Colorado Avenue.
- Traffic coming from areas such as Belmont Shore& Belmont Heights will use Colorado Avenue to get to Loynes.
- Traffic coming from downtown Long Beach will travel along Broadway to Colorado to Loynes.
- My route home in the evening takes me off 7th Westbound at the Studebaker exit ramp. This ramp is often backed-up almost to 7th; creating a safety issue. The addition of a Home Depot will obviously result in a very dramatic increase in traffic using this exit; and traffic flowing onto Studebaker will back-up.
- In addition to residential shoppers Home Depot is obviously very cognizant of the commercial sector that will patronize this store. Commercial means truck traffic; both in terms of store deliveries & the truck traffic that will use Loynes. Has the city considered the negative impact on road surfaces for all streets that will be affected?

To re-iterate; I believe the Study submitted has numerous omissions encompassing the negative impact of traffic to Long Beach home-owners & local residents.

Sincerely,

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Re: Meeting Re: Home Depot

To: Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group

Fr: Ric Trent- Chairman

Re: Written response to Home Depot EIR

A number of the Committee members have requested that this committee respond to the Home Depot EIR prior to the June 15 deadline.

As you know, and as we were told by the city representatives, anyone can still respond to the EIR up to and including the Planning department hearing, which is projected to be in August. However, the responses after June 15 will not be included in the text of the EIR.

For this reason, although I believe that it is premature to give a full opinion on any part of what we are reviewing, I agree with the members that think we should at least submit a statement that gives us standing for the future and also indicates where we may be headed in future opinions.

A quorum of members attended the "stand-up" session in the park adjacent to Frank Colonna's Field Office, that group discussed the need to send something to Angela Reynolds re: the Home Depot EIR, agreed that it needed to be done, and created a rough draft.

I took the task of formalizing the response and getting it out to the rest of the members for their review and comment, before submitting it to the City.

Please review what was created and e-mail me your consent to send or your thoughts on revision, if you believe it necessary.

I will wait until close of business tomorrow(Friday, June 10) before sending the response. Please contact me prior to that.

Thank You, Ric Trent rtrent@cocominc.com

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Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group- Response to

Home Depot Project EIR

To: Angela Reynolds

Fr: Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group

Re:Response to the Home Depot Project EIR

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

As you know the Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group(LCWSG) has been meeting for almost a year. The purpose of the group is to do a thorough investigation of the current status of the "wetland" area of East Long Beach. After which it is our charge to craft a written opinion and forward that document to our City Council Member, Mr. Frank Colona.

However, there are proposals to commercially develop parts of the area we are studying and we feel that it is important to register our concern, however premature it may be to our final document.

The LCWSG strongly recommends that the Home Depot Project, and all projects impacting the "wetlands" and immediately surrounding area, be held in temporary abeyance until a new, comprehensive plan for the area at question can be created. The plan governing this area, SEADIP, is a great piece of work, but is seriously outdated and in need of revision. This is a great moment of opportunity for Long Beach and District 3. It is very important that we make every effort to coordinate any enhancement or development of the "wetlands" with not only the Long Beach Master Plan 2010, but also with the myriad of public and private, municipalities, state agencies, organizations, residents group, and other interested parties. To date, none of that important work has even begun.

The LCWSG has concerns about parts of the EIR. Specifically, that more in depth work needs to be done in the areas of potential, soil contamination, air pollution, sewage disposal overload, and traffic flow and volume assumptions.

We formally request that all applicable rights of appeal be reserved for this committee in the future.

Thank You,

Ric Trent

Chairman, Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group

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Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

As an affected Long Beach resident, I am totally in agreement with the letter you received from my neighbor Angela Bailey McCord.

Also, I am enclosing copies of some recent newspaper articles. I am so tired of driving out from my home to find another accident. This lost one, resulting in a fatality, I saw shortly after it happened.

The total traffic issues, (PCH, 2nd Street, Studebaker, Loynes, 7th Street, and others), the issues related to the new residential units (6 stories of condos??) at PCH and 2nd, and the potentially destructive impact on the Los Cerritos Wetlands and the air quality make even the IDEA of putting a Home Depot and/or ANY retail at Studebaker and Loynes ABSOLUTELY IRRESPONSIBLE!

PLEASE, investigate all the issues better than what seems to have been done. I heard the L.B. "traffic expert" talk about the impact of traffic at a meeting related to all this several months ago. The potential terrible impact was obvious even before the condos at PCH and 2nd were in the picture. I hope you know that some of the streets are "city" and some are "county"... (if I remember correctly)Please look into the problems/issues that could create.

BE CAREFUL...BE VERY CAREFUL! The quality of the lives of many, many personschildren, families, seniors, people of all ages are at stake!!!

Sincerely,

Janet A. Vernon

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Long Beach, CA 90803

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GLORIA MEEK Los Alamitos

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THE DRIVER of this truck died after he lost control and rolled several times when he sped westbound on Loynes Dr.

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Subject: NO ON THE HOME DEPOT PROJECT AT STUDEBAKER AND LOYNES

We are TOTALLY AGAINST THIS HOME DEPOT PROJECT.

As long time residents of Naples, we currently see INCREASED TRAFFIC Jams and

Congestion at the intersections of PCH and 2nd Street, Westminster at Studebaker and

Loynes at Studebaker, when the Market Place and Marina Pacifica were built.

The Home Depot Project at Studebaker and Loynes would multiple theses traffic

... problems a 100 fold.

We do not need the increased pollution, lights and noise by adding this project to our local neighborhoods.

This project would probably force out our local Seal Beach Hardware and Billing
Hardware out of business. There are Home Depots readily available in Signal Hill and
Westminster. A Lowes is on Bellflower.

The Home Depot Project at Studebaker and Loynes has NO justification from a Needs standpoint, Added Traffic Congestion, and Pollution. It brings NOTHING GOOD to our Neighborhoods.

PLEASE ADD OUR "NO" TO THIS PROJECT. Keep us informed!

Thank you

Kathleen L. Ward

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Home Depot Project

Dear Ms. Reynolds: We would like to take this opportunity to file a written objection to the EIR filed for the Home Depot project at Loynes & Studebaker Rd. Many things are troubling around this report.

It is with particular concern that we read there is "less than significant" impact to the Los Cerritos Wetlands. How is this possible? These fragile wetlands represent some of the very few remaining acres of this precious and dwindling resource. I take issue with the statement that there are "no sensitive plants" as the entire Wetlands area is fragile as to all plants and animals. The project site drains directly into channels that flow westerly into the wetlands. Any pollution generated at the site, and it will be considerable, will flow into the wetlands unless this issue is adequately addressed.

The EIR does correctly state there will be "significant and adverse traffic effect," so no doubt the developers of this project seem aware of the impact to air quality, solid waste disposal, and traffic. However, the developers seem to be denying the obvious fact that non-resident traffic will certainly increase through our quiet residential neighborhood. The statement "cut-through does not appear to be a reasonable or faster route to the project" shows an unrealistic understanding of human driving behavior.

The wetlands, traffic, and existing residential and commercial developments would be immensely and adversely affected by this project. Certainly better alternative uses could be found.

PATRICIA & RICHARD WEEKS

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May 30, 2005

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Ms. Angela Reynolds
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RE: COMMENT REPONSE TO HOME DEPOT DRAFT EIR

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

Below you will find our written comments related to the Home Depot EIR.

Loynes Drive is to be one of the access arterial streets to HD. The EIR ignores the fact that Loynes Drive is a low-level collector street. The EIR also neglects noting the negative impact on the residents on Vista Street.

The proposed Seaport Marina project at Second Street and PCH with 425 residential units plus retail was omitted from the traffic study. Further, the FIR claims that our neighborhood will not be impacted by cut-through traffic. Motorists trying to go south on Studebaker Road from 7th Street (22 Frwy) and are tired of waiting will and do use Silvera Avenue (Kettering Elementary) as an alternate route. This will also impact Bixby Village Drive. The EIR states that there will be increased weekend traffic (not including the Seaport Marina project) and HD claims it's appealing to the "home improvement week-end warrior". This increased traffic on weekends is when the children are out playing and residents are enjoying our neighborhood.

The EIR states that there will be significant impact to air quality from the Home Depot project. But HD claims since we are in a nonattainment basin, we have to live with the consequences. Long Beach is already rated as one of the top cities in the nation where cause of death is asthma, especially in children.

Home Depot will be opening either at 5 AM or 6 AM. Yet HD claims this store will not attract contractors. Not only will it attract contractors but it will also attract itinerant workers.

The EIR ignorantly states that there will be no impact on plants and animals and that Los Carritos Channel does not appear to support any wetland. The Los Cerritos Channel feeds the wetlands and bay. The projects requires a local coastal development permit, Coastal Co0mmission hearing.

Home Depot will be using our sewer lines which are already beyond capacity. The city's Sewer and Sanitation Department is in our neighborhood once a month to pump our sewer lines. Also, the sewer line from the HD project to our

neighborhood will run underneath the Loynes Bridge, then continue underground in the street to a connection point on Vista Street. The consequences of a ruptured sewer line into Los Cerritos Channel would cause significant disastrous environmental effects.

The \$2.5 million tax revenue to be generated over a 5 year period will be off set by the additional police, fire and sewer services. The EIR states: "The project will increase the number of on site visitors and employees which can result in an increase in calls for emergency fire and medical services". The nature of the proposed project will also lead to an increase in the number of people visiting the site who may generate additional calls for police services and there is some concern about increases in theft, burglaries". This project will cause substantial adverse effects through an increase in crime, vandalism, trash, loitering, noise pollution, traffic congestion. Downtown Engine 101 has already been pulled from service to save the city \$450,000 annually.

The city's Strategic Plan study group concluded that a technical and professional office complex is best suited to the site. This would at least alleviate the weekend traffic. Mr. Charles Greenberg, Planning Commissioner, suggested a public storage facility. This would be a viable alternative since Studebaker Storage is at 100% capacity and has a waiting list.

Sincerely Maria and John Wyatt

6329 East Eliot Street Long Beach, CA 90803

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Subject: Home Depot

My husband and I live in the Bixby Hill area. We frequently drive Studebaker Road and find it very crowed during rush hours as this street is a main route (and one of the only routes) to area freeways. If a Home Depot comes in, we feel that the street cannot handle the additional traffic. There will be gridlock on this street. Please do not put a megastore here!

Fred Harmatz and Gail Yaksitch

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Subject: Home Depot on Studebaker Road

Save or the fact that it may add something to Long Beach's tax revenues, there is absolutely no need for a Home Depot at this location. Regardless of the pious statements to the contrary by the company, a big box – a really big box – store at this location is surely not needed. There is already a Home Depot close by in Westminster, Target on Seal Beach Boulevard, etc. The placement here is simply motivated by Corporate profits. What is lost in the process is a fairly lovely look at a river running into the Ocean, open bike paths, a school that currently remains free of excessive traffic problems (and with them potential danger), etc.

Moreover, as a resident at 2nd and PCH, an intersection already over burdened with cars, it is unlikely the paltry \$1 million spent here will do much. Maybe an underpass for through traffic would help, but the lines over the bridge on Second Street now are sometimes gigantic as are the lines at PCH. We have ourselves had to wait on occasion for three changes in lights to get across. We also worry that increased traffic through Belmont Shore would reduce this lovely independent shopping and restaurant area to a wasteland. This would be a terrible fate. Moreover, if this should happen, as we believe it would, then residential property values would decline

Unquestionably, a big box store would bring big traffic and heavy impact changes. Since Home Depot also opens a 7:00 am, people trying to get on the 22, 405, or 605 in the morning on the way to work are already encountering long lines at the access point. Again this will only exacerbate the situation. We could readily support a single level small strip mall of individual small stores here. Moreover, we do have a particular prejudice against the big box guys with lots of money always getting their way.

There are not good reasons for big box Home Depot here., and 101,000 sq. ft. is a big box especially with other pads available. Say no! That is the only intelligent thing to do.

Marilyn and Robert Yassin

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Angela Reynolds 333 W. Ocean Blvd Seventh Floor Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Home Depot Project

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

As residents of University Park Estates since 1975, my husband and I would like to voice our concerns regarding the impending Home Depot Project. As you might guess, we are very much opposed to the planned use of the land designated for this project.

Our primary objection is based on the increased traffic that the new businesses will create on the already heavily congested Studebaker Road. Streets impacted by traffic, which makes it very difficult to enter or leave our development particularly during peak traffic hours, surround us. Seventh Street, Pacific Coast Highway and the intersection at 2nd Street and Westminster pose challenges for all of us living in the area.

The second objection is to the type of business being planned for this area. Do we really need another Home Depot (of any type) in our geographic area? It certainly seems that the city could have proposed another project which would be environmentally appealing while generating greater sales taxes than the \$2.5 million in sales tax revenue reported in recent newspaper editorials.

Our third concern is whether the removal of the current storage tanks can be done without some risk to those of us that live nearby. How can we be protected from the noxious fumes, dust and noise that this removal process will generate?

Lastly, we feel that this was a done deal before we became aware of it and that this process is simply a way to make it appear that we actually have any input in the decision-making. I would questions the ethics of what should have been a democratic process for the citizens this project affects.

Sincerely,

Mancy & Larry Kellison 400 Peralta Avenue

Long Beach 90803

(562)594-0062

HOME DEPOT PROJECT 400 STUDEBAKER ROAD

PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MAY 19, 2005

Public Comments

C. J. Hentzen, Island Village

You Planning Commissioners do a great job and you know what is right for this area. Your questions on traffic and traffic negative impacts shows you know what is right for this area. You are under a lot pressure from the City for tax dollars and from the developers who want to develop this land.

Very, very misleading artist rendering with pine trees hiding storage anks.

If you had been at Kettering (2004 scoping session), you would have been astounded by the people who came out against this project.

This project is a disaster. It impacts wildlife tremendously. We have thousands of Canadian geese that come to this area every year and the only place they have to land in is in an Orange County catch basin.

Janice Dahl, President of University Park Estates Homeowner's Association

There are serious flaws in the EIR that I wish to address. In response to Marice White's assertion that the residents want Home Depot, here are the letters by residents opposed to Home Depot (holds up a handful of letters to show Commissioners).

The operation will start at 5 to 6 AM; if that's not for contractors I don't know who it would be for.

Our neighborhood is extremely concerned about the transient workers.

Regarding Loynes Drive, the EIR states this is a low traffic level collector street. It is not intended for heavy use as an access street into Home Depot.

The residents on Vista Street will have the enjoyment of their properties destroyed by the traffic and pollution from this project.

The EIR states there will be significant air quality impacts, but Home Depot claims that since we're in a non-attainment basin, the residents will have to live with that additional impact. Long Beach is already rated as one of the top cities in the nation for asthma as a cause of death, especially among children. I spoke to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, and had it not been for the short notice they would have come to speak today.

The 30% open space requirement cannot be attained according to the EIR, which reports the project open space at 23%.

The project sewage cannot be pumped over Loynes Bridge into our sewers because once a month the City has to come out here and pump the sewers because the existing sewer system is too small to handle existing loads.

The additional \$2.5 million in tax revenue over 5 years will be wiped out by the additional police, fire and sewer services.

Ann Dennison, 1963 E. 11th Street

EIR Appendix C states the Los Cerritos Channel contains water year-round and does not appear to support any wetland habitat. The EIR states there are no sensitive plants or animals.

Home Depot will negatively impact the Los Cerritos wetlands.

The EIR erroneously states that Los Cerritos Channel does not appear to support any wetlands, but the Channel goes right into the wetlands. This EIR statement is totally negligent, misleading and ignorant. The Channel feeds the wetlands and the bay. The project requires a Local Coastal Development Permit and a Coastal Commission hearing, et cetera.

Studebaker north of 7th Street has a huge traffic problem in accessing 7th Street. Not included in the EIR is the purchase by Cornerstone Church of a large commercial building on Studebaker to be converted into a church that will add at least 150 cars on Sunday morning and other meeting days when Home Depot will be the busiest. There is no way that coordinated traffic signals would mitigate the impact of additional traffic from this church and Home Depot.

Potential for terrorist activity due to Home Depot's close proximity to the AES facility would make it a tempting target.

Fergie Newbaker, East Marina View Drive

Loynes Drive floods badly often and prevents access.

	I'm appalled that this "issue" has gone this far with all these mitigating circumstances, temporary things, assumptions, projections and lack of clear-cut statements. This appears to be a disaster to me.	17
	You can't build this project across from the wetlands and tell me this won't have an impact to the wetlands.	18
	Widening 2 nd at the end of Studebaker will mean going into the wetlands.	19
	I'm very opposed to this project.	20
	Kristen Hyatts, University Park Estates	
	The EIR states there will be a significant increase in traffic. People will use cut- through routes and drive through my neighborhood. This threatens kids playing on the streets, since non-residents don't know which homes have children and they won't watch out for them. This project will create unnecessary traffic through my neighborhood.	21 :
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	Angie McCord, mobile home park on Loynes Drive	
	l appreciate Commissioner Greenberg's concern for the deterioration of Loynes.	
	When you pull the records on how many accidents are on Loynes, consider that traffic on this street is not heavy at all now compared to what it would be with further development at Loynes/Studebaker.	23
	I think it would be specious to distinguish between a regular Home Depot and one that caters to design when the applicant has admitted that they will carry all the items that a regular Home Depot carries. That would seem to mean they would have more traffic than the average Home Depot because of this expanded product inventory.	24
	On a personal level, the Studebaker exit off the freeway is already impacted (15 minute wait) and I have heard nothing that would indicate traffic would get better. It can't help but get worse with the added project traffic.	25
	Also, we don't need any more restaurants; we have plenty of places to eat.	26

Debbie Gilbert, University Park Estates

The traffic study in EIR Appendix J on page 11 states weekday peak intersection turn volumes were provided by the City for the four study area intersections. When was this information collected? Summer or Winter? Further it states that the remaining weekday peak hour intersection turn volumes were collected by Southland Car Counters in January 2004. January 2004 data is very different from data collected in July 2004. Did they take into consideration what the summer baseline traffic would be? Cumulative summer baseline would be different than winter baseline. What would be the summer baseline at the three unmitigated intersections?

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June 11, 2005

Environmental Planning Officer

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Marjonie Kambrell 70,740 Seal Beach, California 1240 Scioto Rd & 228K •

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June 5, 2005

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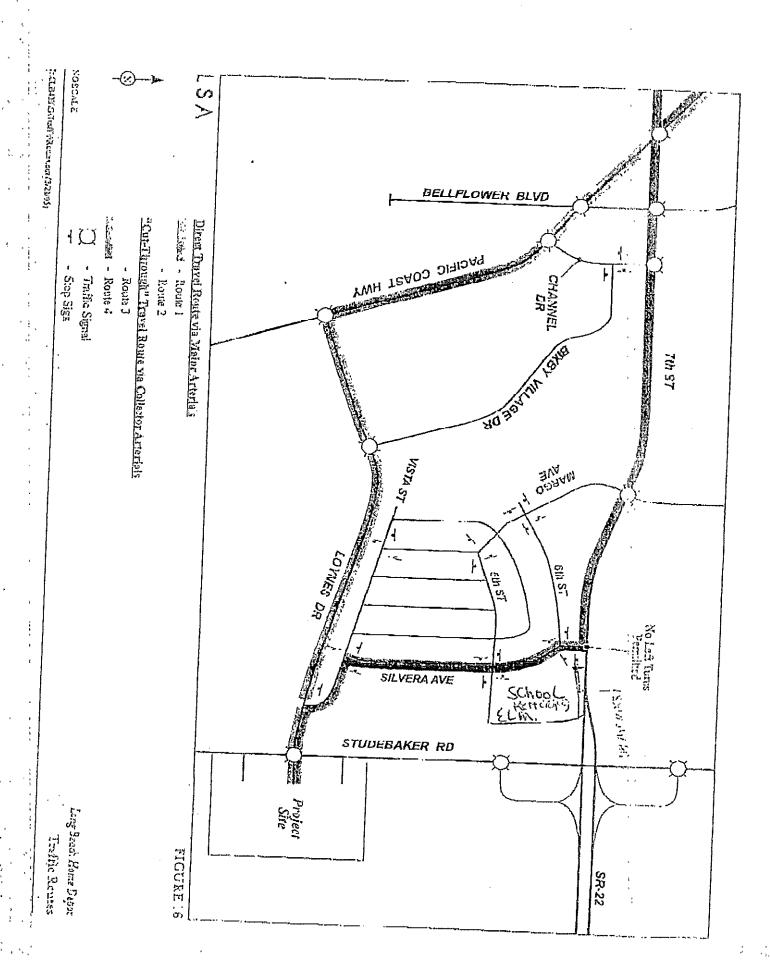
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February 5, 2006

Dear Angela Reynolds:

This letter is concerning the proposed Home Depot project site on Studebaker Road and Loynes Drive. The area in question is so poorly suited for a project of this magnitude that I am shocked at even the possibility of such a development. The building of a huge retail store such as Home Depot or Home Expo would have extremely negative repercussions on the area.

The citizens opposed to this project are *not* opposed to other types of development of the land. Although the perfect scenario would be to leave the area as a protected wetlands region, we are also realistic to the fact that development of this area could provide revenue for the city; therefore we understand the desire to develop the land.

The problem with a store such as Home Depot, or Home Expo, is the sheer magnitude of the operation. First of all the site is located right in the middle of three ecologically important habitats. One side of the proposed project is bordered by the San Gabriel River, the other side by the Los Cerritos Channel, and finally by the protected wetlands. This area is already becoming increasingly polluted, and although not everyone's primary concern is the state of the environment, there is a point where overly polluted water becomes a public health problem as it can breed bacteria, disease, and in the end cost the city millions of dollars to repair even a fraction of the damage. Putting a large scale operation right in the middle of an ecological trichotomy would not only be irresponsible on behalf of the city, but it also detracts from the natural beauty of the area, and will result in lower property values. Over time the many types of pollution will create

an area that is so congested with trash, traffic, and noise that it will no longer be the respected and screne environment that is seen today.

Just the building of such a large scale operation will bring bulky trucks through areas already plagued by excess amounts of traffic. Not to mention that many of the roads crossing wetlands cannot support the continuous weight of large trucks because of the unstable ground that they are built on. Excess building materials and trash from the operation will blow into both the San Gabriel River and the Los Cerritos Channel clogging the current and further polluting the already contaminated waterways. Even after the store has been built trucks will continue to frequent the area as Home Depot/Home Expo will have to be continuously restocked with more building materials. Trash from passersby will be strewn into the environment and waste generated from the excess building materials that Home Depot/Home Expo cannot sell will also be scattered in the vicinity. No matter how much Home Depot can try to guarantee that these types of pollution will not occur, it is absolutely impossible to promise that customers will not dump unneeded materials behind the store, that shoppers will not carclessly litter, that unemployed workers standing outside Home Depot for odd jobs will not throw lurch wrappers in the street, that these workers, having no other bathroom facilities, will not urinate on the walls and defecate in the bushes. There is no stopping the abuse once it starts: the city simply does not have the resources to monitor every minor infraction that will happen on this vicinity.

Home Depot, in an effort to obtain the area, has proposed unrealistic solutions to the problems discussed. When the dilemma of excess traffic in the area, which is not suited for such a large volume of vehicles, was discussed Home Depot simply said that

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the Long Beach Police Department would control the traffic. Wishful thinking, considering that the department is already overextended and there are many other areas in Long Beach where the placement police officers is more crucial. When the question of safety issues in the area was brought forth, Home Depot, yet again responded that the LBPD would handle the situation. This is a very convenient answer for Home Depot considering that they won't have to handle any consequences of their business on the city, they will simply just pass off the responsibility to a police department that has more important matters to handle. So in short, any negative repercussions that Home Depot has on the area will be ignored by them and passed off to the city, all while Home Depot reaps the majority of the benefits. These are all issues that the Environmental Impact Report didn't even anticipate.

While the area is not suited for such a major production as Home Depot/Home Expo there are other more modest developments that could occur. Such a compromise would please both the residents of the area, the city of Long Beach, and business owners. The area could certainly support smaller business ventures such as restaurants, boutiques, or even office buildings. There are many options that could have a less harmful impact on the environment and still please everyone involved. Smaller businesses would still generate more traffic and pollution to the area, but not nearly the amount that would occur with Home Depot or Home Expo. Small businesses would still provide jobs and revenue to the city, but without the drastic repercussions of a larger venture. Therefore the most beneficial option for the city of Long Beach would be to limit the area to small businesses that would have minimal impact on the environment and surrounding community.

Although Home Depot has undoubtedly offered a generous sum of money for the rights to build on the vicinity, the money that the city would need to spend to maintain the traffic, environmental, and safety conditions in the area would quickly counter the revenue received by the city. Also, the claims that a home improvement store is needed in the area are absurd considering that both a Home Depot and Home Expo are a mere 15 minute drive down Westminster Blvd.

Sincerely,

Clara L. Druzgalski

KATHY M. FISHKIN 461 MARGO AVENUE LONG BEACH, CA 90803

August 32, 2005

Mayor Beverly O'Neill 33 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Ploor Long Beach, CA 90802

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RE: Home Depot Design Center Studebaker & Loynes, Long Beach

Dear Mayor O'Nelll & Council Members,

The City will benefit from a Home Depot Design Center in East Long Beach. The benefits include increased sales rax revenue, much needed commercial shopping, and construction of an attractive artial development on prior vacant, unattended land. Our city will prosper from this development. This project can only belp our city. When this project comes before the Council, please approve the Home Depot Design Center at Studebaker and Loynes.

Thank you,

Kathy Fishkin 461 Margo Avenue Long Beach, CA 90803

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Kate Fisher

September 2, 2005

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RE: Home Depot Design Center Studebaker & Lloynes, Long Beach

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Sincerely,

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450 Linares Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90803

cc: Long Beach Press Telegram

We the undersigned residents of College Park West, do hereby oppose the City of Long Beach's current plans for the Home Depot on Studebaker Road and the Scaport Marina Condos and Retail Center at P.C.II. and 2nd Street.

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PETITION STOP HOME DEPOT

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1) Traffic Congestion: it will go from bad to worse, 2) Air Pollution, 3) Noise from substantially increased traffic, and, delivery trucks in the early morning hours, 4) Light and Glare, 5) Degrade Los Cerritos Wetlands, negatively impact threatened and endangered species and possible loss of habitat, 6) Hazardous materials contamination, 7) Water pollution from runoff and increased demand of wastewater treatment facilities. Ultimately, these adverse environmental conditions will negatively impact property values and the personal enjoyment of our homes and neighborhoods.

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